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## Retreat at Fife's—a Big Success!

I think that I can say without equivocation that all who attended the Anniversary Retreat at Fife's, April 21-23, had a great time. It rained Saturday night, but it didn't dampen our spirits.

Dameon has more "in-depth" gossip in his *Delights* article, but I wish to ponder the following profound questions:

- Where did Bill Quinn learn to "Scoot back and spread"?
- Does Terryl Todd have Doctor Dentons to alternate with his red night shirt?
- How many socks does it take to stuff Chuck Kitlinger's wild bikini? Basket Case indeed! (His handle on Acropolis, the Gay BBS)
- Did Rick Arts and Michael Foft ever find that barstool?
- Is Del Powell starting C-2 next month?

Kidding aside, it was great to see Mary Ann and Lynn down from Eureka (Michael and I will see them in New York at the convention this summer), Mary and Peggy (Maybe we can get them back into the club again), Revella and Manon (Manon's video camera supposedly loved the back of my bald head), Fay, David ("Caller's Taw"), Jeff (Art Katz' beringed other half), and Prime 8s Art, Stan, Bill, Don, and Ron.

Special Thanks to—

- Skip Vicknair for initiating the plans to have us stay at Fife's
- George Fox for picking up said plans and bringing them to fruition
- Kris Corbridge for arranging for our great caller, Harlan Kerr
- Harlan Kerr for going above and beyond to make our dancing experiences so worthwhile and so much fun. Everybody is a better dancer because of Harlan's tireless marathon calling
- Fife's for accommodating us so well. Can we come back next year?
- And you, the members of Capital City Squares and Prime 8 who attended and brought friends to help make this one of the best anniversary retreats ever.

**New is this issue—**

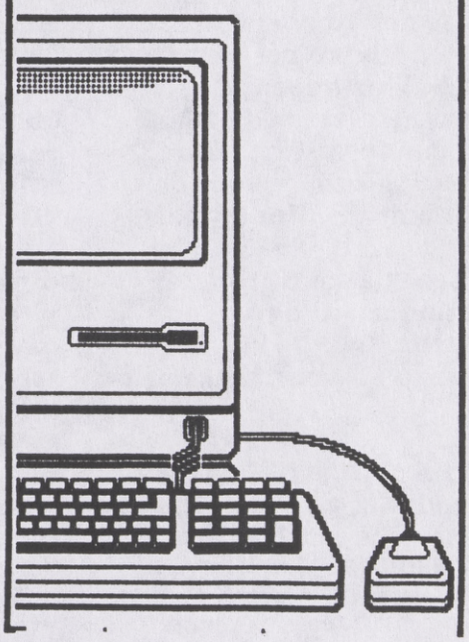

*Dameon's Delights*

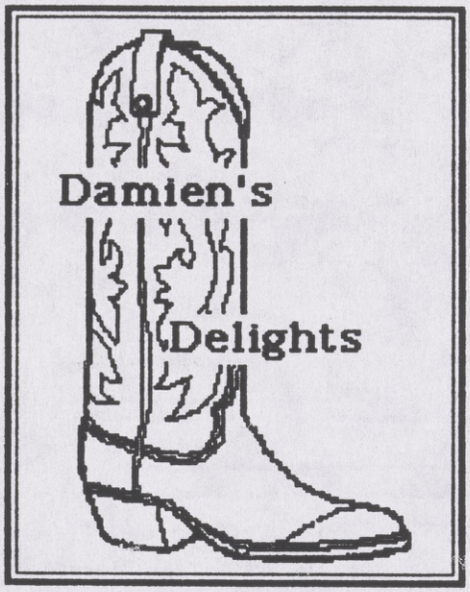
*News Tidbits*

*The C.E.O. Speaks!*

*May and June Calendars*

*And More*




Well, gang, it's over but certainly not forgotten (and probably never will be after I finish this), but the Fife's weekend retreat was a very memorable and fun experience. Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time and, I'm sure, is looking forward to the next one. The energy level was high and Harlan certainly outdid himself keeping us dancing hour after hour. I had to change boots numerous times to try to give my screaming feet a rest.

I had a couple of fantastic roommates, one who had obviously never stayed in a motor home. Conserve water?? You've got to be kidding! This queen would turn on the water full blast, have a conversattion, and after letting two gallons go down the drain, finally get her hands wet! Needless to say, I spent a lot of time filling and draining water tanks—ever try to find a place to dump your tanks at 2 a.m.?

We had a new call Saturday night and Mary Jo was the only one who got it right (at least during the dancing). The call was "flat on your back and spread." Somebody told me Bill Q (or is that Q Bill) practiced it all weedend until he finally got it right.

I also saw Jack try to show us a new flourish on the dance floor. Don't try it, sisters; although he did it quite gracefully, most of us would run our pantyhose.

The newest member of our club, who is very tall, very handsome, and very nellie (can you guess?) seemed to be the hit of the weekend. One of his dates limoed him back to camp in the wee hours of the morning, but we didn't see him sneak out of the car for 56 1/2 minutes (of course we weren't waiting or watching—) aren't long goodnights wonderful?

A little bird told me a certain little chipmonk wearing a baseball cap was out collecting nuts Friday night—They were so delicious he went back Saturday night for seconds. By the by, did anyone happen to question why our caller kept sending out for coughdrops? Thanks, Fay, for running to Safeway.

It was really quite convenient having a motorhome out in the parking lot. So much could be observed by just sitting there relaxing. One of our more infamous Advanced dancers, who always coordinates his outfits—pink belt, pink socks, pink shoes—somehow made two lunch dates for the same day (extra hungry?); he was seen going into a room with the hired help, and at the same time date # 2 was wandering the grounds wondering if he had forgotten their date. As luck would have it, the hired help was only on a break and the Pink Princess miraculously appeared, and he and date #2 skipped happily down the lane.

Terryl spent a lot of time strolling along the beach in the afternoons; was that Polish sausage or hamhocks you were seen snacking on, dear? Terryl also kept swishing by with a little paper box, pointing at people and saying "smile." I thought it was a box of fruit juice, but it seems it was a "throw away camera."

Did everyone notice that Billie tied up the pay phone for at least 45 minutes, and why did Tamara make so may trips to the parking lot for a "drink"?

Karl wore tennis shoes all weekend. I guess with your husband in tow, there's no reason to bring out the "come f--- me" pumps and beaded bag.

And did everyone get there in time to see our big brother in full leather attire Friday night? The Easter bunny never brought me a basket that full!
[editor's comment: !!!!]

Our delectable (little?) Pres. had more than one admirer chasing him all weekend—did anybody win the race?

It was great seeing some not-so-familiar faces show up after such a long absence: Mary, Peggy, Fay, David, Jeff—we miss you all and wish you'd join us more often.

The weekend was very hard on the rhinestone collection; I left a trail behind me wherever I went, but the handsome cowboy didn't follow them. However, I shall not dispair. . . .

# NEWS

# TIDBITS

## May Pot Luck

The May Pot Luck will be held at Rick and Rich's house on Saturday, May 13. You can swim and sun and dance from 2 p.m. until the serving of food at dusk. Rich and Rick should have already provided maps to their home in Folsom by the time you read this. If fact, if I get my shit together, you may be at the pot luck at this very moment.

## June 3rd Workshop

Similar to the Workshop held in April but this time including the Basic-Mainstream class, Capital City Squares and Prime 8s are hosting an all day Workshop on Saturday, June 3, at the William Land School at 12th and V in downtown Sacramento. Workshops during the day include Intro to A-2 from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Intro to A-1 from 12.30 to 2.30; and Mainstream All Position Dancing from 2.30 to 4.30. The Hoedown will be held from 7.30 to 10.00 p.m. All club members are encouraged to bring nibble food (sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and dips, etc.) to the workshops and desserts to the Hoedown. Harlan Kerr will again be our caller, so those of you who attended the April Workshop and the retreat at Fife's will most certainly want to attend. The rest of you are in for a real treat!

## Summer Dancing

Plans are afoot to continue fun dancing at Joseph's Town and Country every other Tuesday. Mark your calendars when the final schedule comes out.

## Graduation Day

Plans are also afoot for a big graduation party for the Basic-Mainstream class at Karl's home on Tuesday, June 13. The board has been planning all kinds of deviltry and fun for our club's newest members. Don't miss this one. It will also be an opportunity to introduce friends to the joys of square dancing before the New Members Hoedown in late August.

## New Editor Takes Over

This is my maiden effort as editor of the club newsletter. Rich Beddow, our retiring editor, has left some pretty big boots to fill (take a look at them on any dance night). I hope that I can do half as well as Rich has done at grinding out a newsletter each month. I want to continue Rich's tradition of having the newsletter be both informative and entertaining. As an English teacher, I am always informative (though not necessarily about anything you would want to know), but Michael says that I am entertaining only when I get drunk. However, if I get drunk, I can't type, so I will be depending on the rest of you to submit articles, tidbits, and gossip for the newsletter. I hope that Kris will continue her informative DBD (Dance by Definition) articles and that Dameon will continue his Delights in future issues.

I am learning news editing, graphics production, and page layout while preparing this issue. Please forgive any faux pas; I can only improve. Again, thanks to Rich for helping me in the transition and to Al for volunteering to do some of the leg work involved in putting out a newsletter.

First, I really want to thank all of you for helping me to get through April! There were parts of this last month that were really nerve-wracking. It was wonderful to get those occasional pats on the back, the kind word, the offer of help. Thanks again. Now that all that is over and done with, I must admit that I had a great time. I think that the support, even unspoken, was a strengthener.

Now that I've gone and gotten maudlin, what the heck am I talkin' about? The very fact that there were a number of things foing on in April that seemed to need that "personal touch" and I felt I had to do it (so much for delegation. . .). Seriously, the one thing that scared me the most was Fife's, and our retreat there was 'fabulous' (don'cha just love that word?), but I was convinced that it wasn't going to work; no reason, I just was. To see it come together and to have people say, "this is great," was wonderful. Anyway, we all had a great time (including Harlan, who came to me the next week at the SF fly-in and said he'd had a good time in Guerneville). I have spoken to the powers that be at Fife's and they are quite willing to have us back next year. Plan on it (It'll be musch easier and I promise not to break into cold sweats at the mere mention or a Retreat!) Thanks again and ONWARD. . .

It is with real regret that I must reiterate that we have lost two valued members from our "leadership": Audrey had had to resign from the board because of lack of time—it seem she has this desire to sleep occasionally! Audrey is returning to school in the near future as well as continuing to work; she regretted having to make this decision—we regret losing her from the board. Thanks, Audrey, for your time, efforts, and support. We'll miss you on the board, but "we'll see ya dancin'!" Rich, our newsletter editor (writer, directer, artist, layout person, and everything else), has this need to work occasionally, and his company is sending him out of town to do it! We have lost an incredible resource in the process. Rich, thanks again for your hard work and creative mind; we'll try to pick up where you left off. We'll miss your efforts, but, again, "we'll see ya dancin'!"

There is an opening on the board, so NOMINATE!

Bill has graciously agreed to take over the responsibilities of the newsletter (on top of being a board member—good luck) and for those not aware, Bill is heavy into English (among other things) so watch how you dangle your participles, not to mention p's and q's!! I am confident Bill will do very well in this position. He did express some concern about editing what others write, but we assured him that the queens around here need to look like they write the Kings's English (I couldn't resist that). Thanks, Bill, for filling in and especially for the speed with which you did!

We need submissions for the newsletter, CONTRIBUTE!

Hats off to San Francisco!! For everyone who attended the fly-in, didn't we have one helluva good time? (And I even behaved myself—my own fault, I know). It was a needed "fix" for those of us who will be unable to attend "Peel the Apple" and a taste of what's to come for those who can go. Thanks, S.F., for a wonderful weekend!

MAY!! The one big happening this month is the potluck at Rick's and Rich's on the 13th in Folsom. This will be lots of fun—videos of the retreat, food, dancing, food, dancing, a pool, food, dancing, a great time, food, dancing, dancing, dancing. . . get the idea? Now get over there! (This means that there may be a weekend or two in which to rest this month—what a novel concept!)

JUNE!! Stay tuned for more details on this, but the following so far has been seen on the horizon: June 3—a day of workshops and a hoedown (see the flyer elsewhere in this issue and seeya there!); June 17th—Freedom Fair at McKinley Park (we have been asked to "entertain"; details to follow); June 24th—Gay Day in S.F. (for those who have been sleeping). Again, details to follow.

By acclamation, the three members of the board up for re-election have retained their positions. The entire board thanks you all for your support, and we will continue to do our best.

Bye now———George

# May 1989

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| | 1<br>7:00 PM Prime 8 at Joseph's Business 80 and Howe | 2<br>7:00 PM CCS Dance Night Wm Land School 12th & V | 3<br>7:00 PM CCS Fun Night Joseph's Bus 80 & Howe | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8<br>7:00 PM Prime 8 at Joseph's Business 80 and Howe | 9<br>7:00 PM CCS Dance Night Wm Land School 12th & V | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13<br>2:00 PM CCS Pot Luck Rich & Rick's |
| 14 | 15<br>7:00 PM Prime 8 at Joseph's Business 80 and Howe | 16<br>7:00 PM CCS Dance Night Wm Land School 12th & V | 17<br>7:00 PM CCS Fun Night Joseph's Bus 80 & Howe | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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# June 1989

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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3<br>10:30 AM CCS/Prime 8 Workshops and Hoedown<br>7:30 PM Hoedown Wm Land School 12th & V |
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| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24<br>Western Star Dance |
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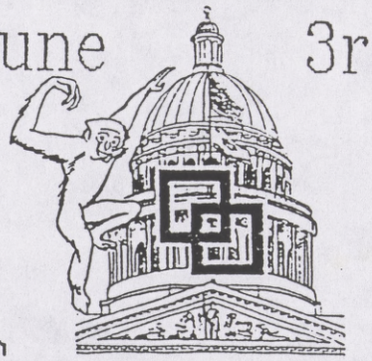
# Capital City Squares + Prime 8's



June 3rd

Present an

# Introduction to Summer

## with Harlan Kerr calling

Introduction Workshops and

## Hoedown

### Schedule

Intro. to A-2.....10:30am to 12:30 pm

Intro. to A-1.....12:30 to 2:30pm

Full Mainstream/A.P.D....2:30 to 4:30pm

Hoedown.....7:30 to 10:00 pm

(A.P.D. = All Position Dancing)

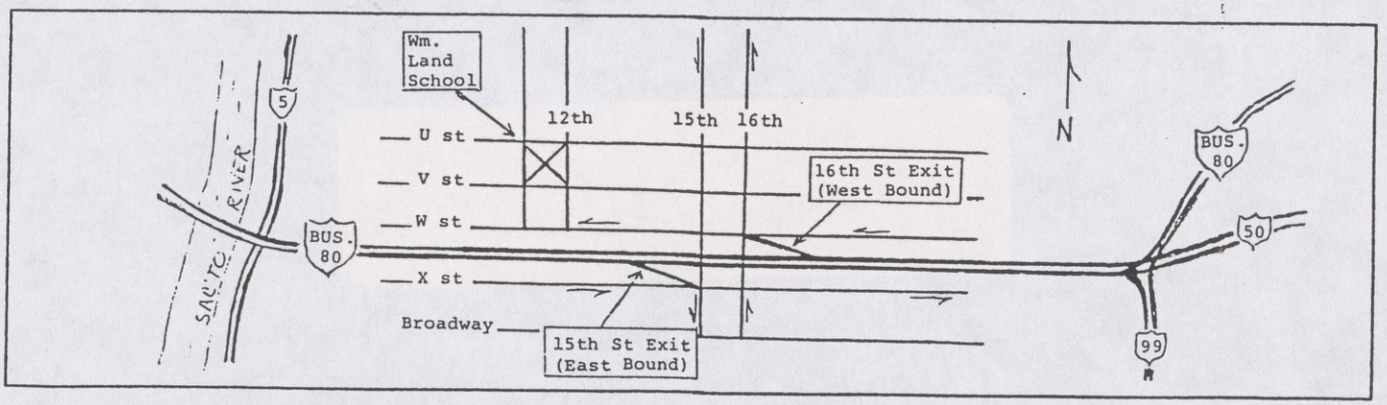
### Price

Workshop.....$3 each

Hoedown..$5

2 Wkshps + Hoedown..$10

All 3 Wkshps + Hoedown ..$12

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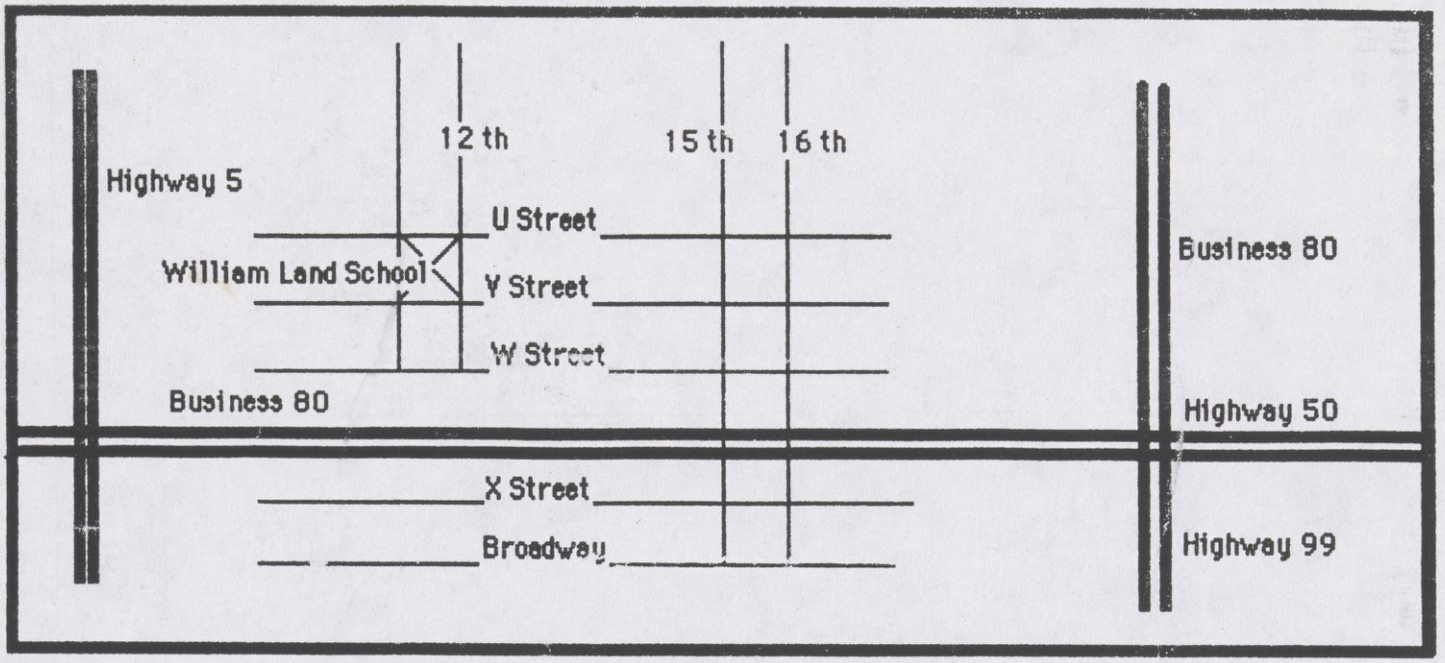


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